

B-3536 - B-3546  
1101-1137 Battery Ave. (East side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

c.1855-1875

The east side of the 1100 block of Battery Ave. is improved with a number of different types of houses. 1101-1103 Battery Ave. is a pair of two story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, set on high basements. The houses were built in the early 1850's and are typical of the type of small house built for low-income families in this period. 1107-1107, 1109-1111, and 1113-1115 Battery Ave. are pairs of three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the period 1855 to 1865 by three different builders. Extending south from 1117-1123 Battery Ave. is a row of two story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and simple brick cornices, built in the early 1870's. 1125 Battery Ave. is a three story, two bay wide brick house with gable roof, and to the south, at 1127-1131 Battery Ave. there is a group of two story, two bay wide brick gable-roofed houses, built in the late 1860's. Finally, at 1133 and 1135-1137 Battery Ave. there is a group of three story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, built about 1866.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1135-1137 Battery Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This pair of three story, two bay brick houses with gable roofs was built in the late 1850's, along with the nearby house at 302 West St. The pair was built more or less contemporaneously with the adjoining house, 1133 Battery Ave. 1135 Battery has been covered with stucco; 1137 Battery has been covered with formstone.

The houses are three stories in height, 1135 is 15' wide, 1137 is 16' wide, and both occupy lots 70' deep. Each house has a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, one bay deep rear addition. 1137 Battery has an extra two story high, two bay deep addition. The houses are constructed in running bond but the facades have been covered with formstone. The low-pitched gable roof has a two-tier brick cornice which has also been hidden by the formstone. Each house has a double rectangular chimney located along the north side of both the front and rear roof gables. There is also a centrally located rear end chimney shared by the two houses, located at the west end of the two story addition.

Although the original treatment of the door and window lintels and sills has been hidden by the formstone covering, it is apparent that the first and second story openings of 1135 Battery had segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums, and that the third floor openings had flat lintels. At 1137 Battery the formstone covering suggests that the original lintels were all flat but they may also have been segmentally arched. At 1135 Battery the first floor window openings are filled with new 2/2 double hung sash, the lights arranged horizontally. The second and third floor openings are filled with fixed three-light panels. At 1137 Battery Ave. all of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. 1135 Battery has a modern, Mediterranean-style panel door set beneath a two-light transom; 1137 Battery has a modern flush door set beneath a single light transom. Both houses sit on very low basements, the entrances being reached by one stone step each. Each house has a rectangular basement opening located beneath the first floor window.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1855-1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT George W. Sumwalt

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These houses are significant as being representative of a large group of three story, gable-roofed houses built in the 1840's and 1850's in the area near the Cross St. Market, to serve as combination store-fronts/residences. Although this house is not located on a commercial street such as Charles or Light Sts., where most such houses are found, its corner location makes it a typical residential/commercial property in the area--the corner grocery. The first floor area served as the store-front and the family lived on the floors above.

In 1861 the house was sold to Bernard Schene, who operated a grocery store at this location in the 1860's and 1870's. Sumwalt was a local brickmaker.<sup>1</sup> Schene probably lived above the grocery at 1137 Battery Ave. and rented 1135 Battery to a succession of tenants.

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Land Records, Liber ED 116, Folio 358; GES 208, Folio 339; Baltimore City Directory, 1867, 1870

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 15' x 70'; 16' x 70'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

SEE NOTE

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

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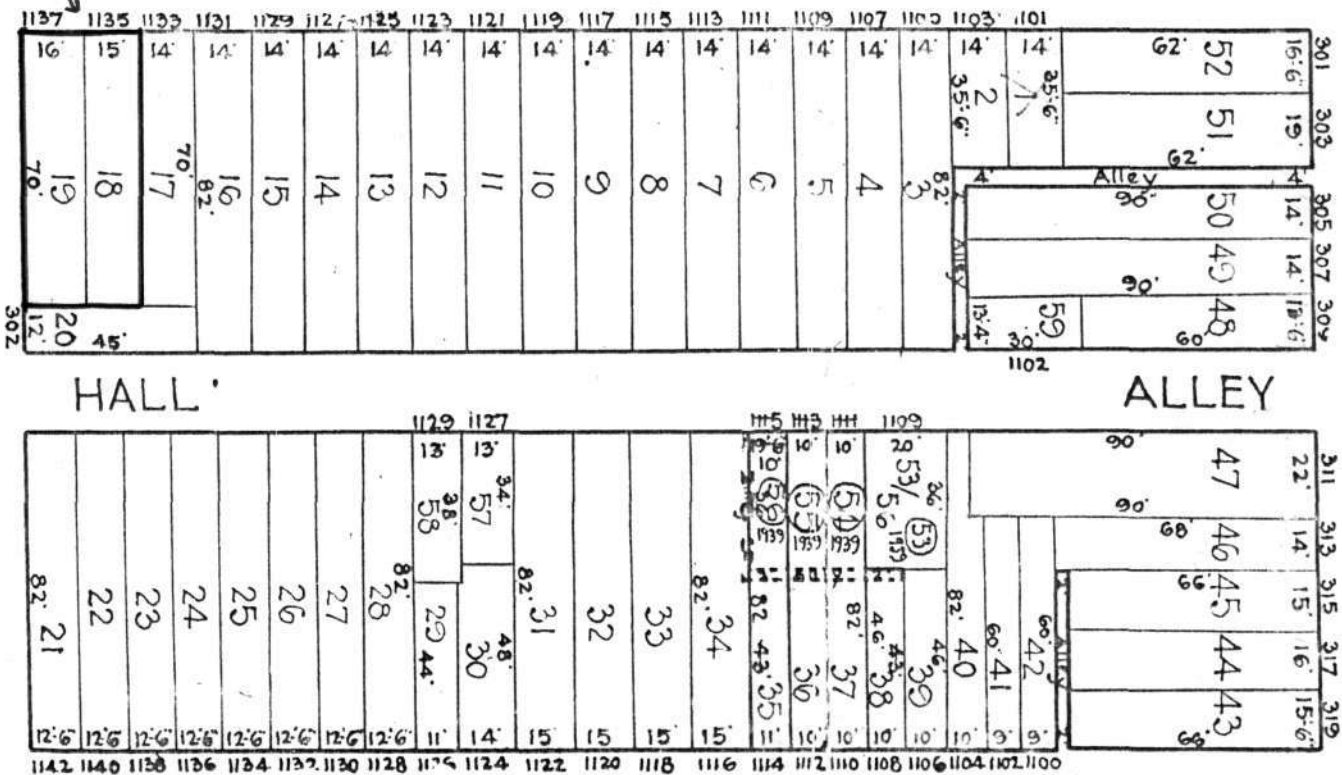
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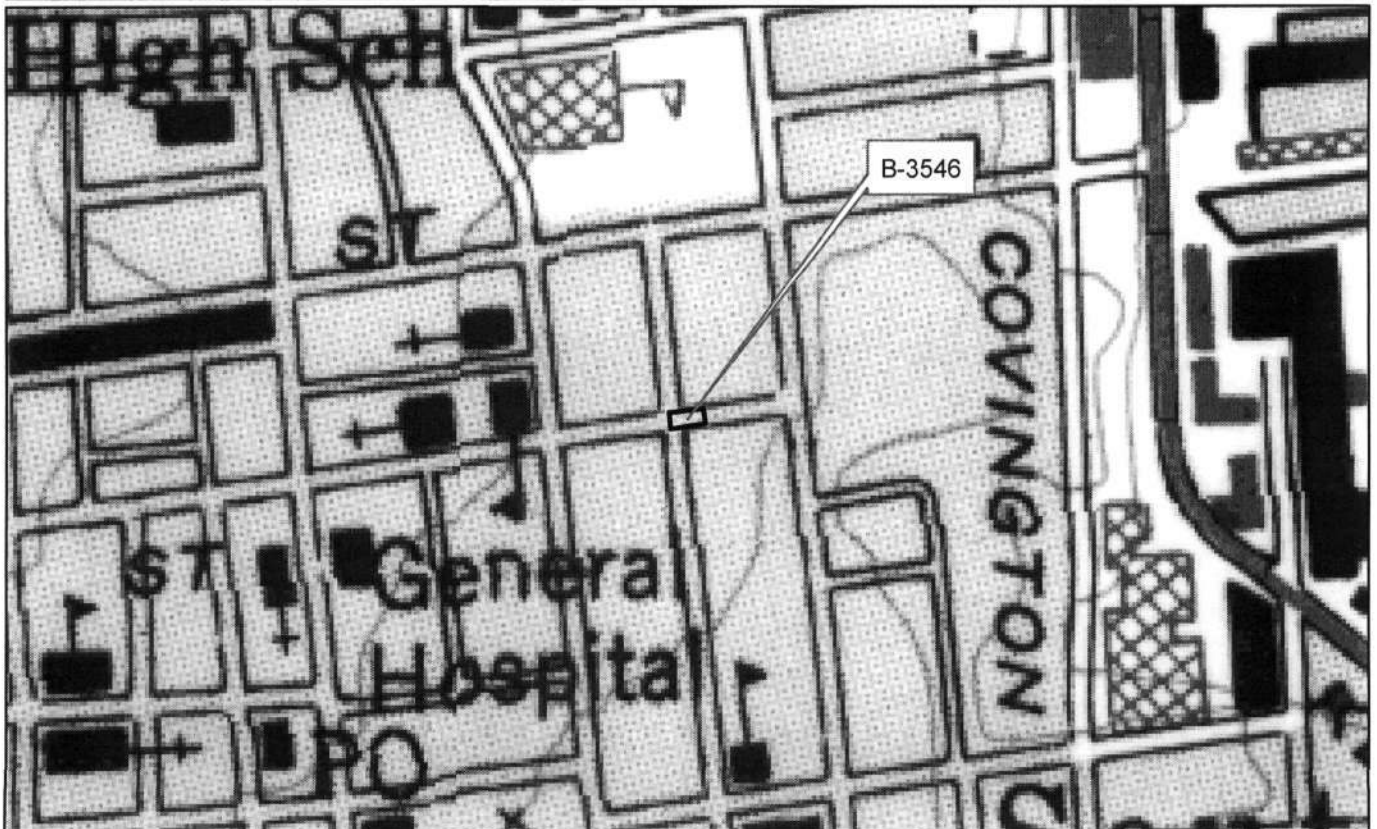
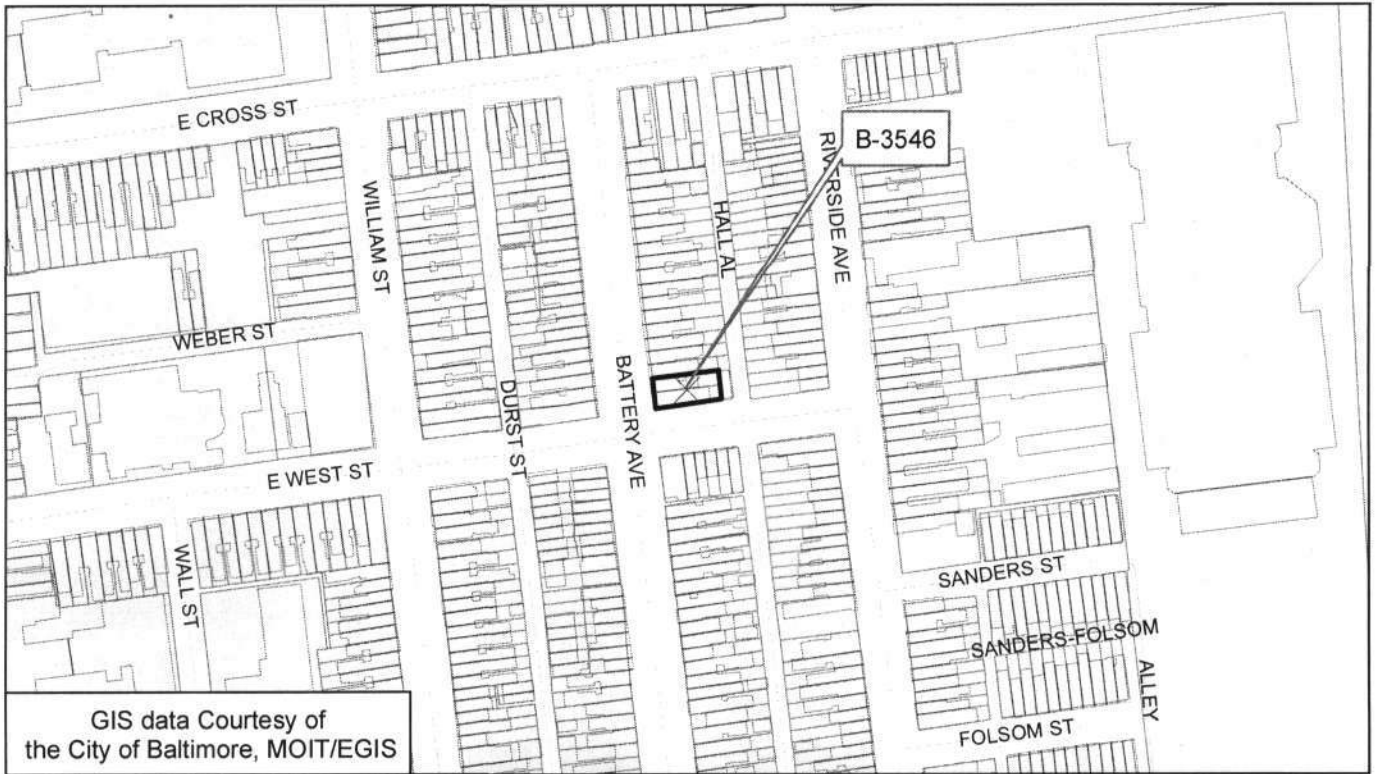
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Baltimore East Quad.







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West and south elevations